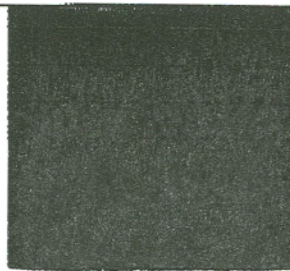


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Joanna Harwood

Nursing Student

Joanna worked in several different jobs after dropping out of high school, but did not become satisfied with them. In 2004, she decided to apply for a job at a long-term care facility as a nurses' aide. She took a class, became certified, and began working. After working as a nurses' aide for a few months, she decided she wanted to become a nurse. She went back to school at the Michigan WORKS! Learning Lab and earned her high school diploma. She then began taking classes at Northwestern Michigan College. She is currently a student at NMC working towards her associate degree in nursing. She will graduate in May 2007.

"Education has helped me in many ways. I feel that I have accomplished a lot and I am a much better role model for my children. My education has helped me to set goals and achieve them. Education has also given me the opportunity to look forward to a career.

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